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Re: Filing of New U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Title: "Polyacrylamide Hydrogel And Its Use As An Endoprosthesis"  
Inventors: Jens PETERSEN *et al.*

Dear Sir:

Attached is a new patent application for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office including twenty-eight (28) pages of Specification, five (5) pages of Claims (numbered 1-40), and an unexecuted Declaration.

This application claims priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/228,081, filed August 25, 2000.

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| No. of Claims                                   |    | No. in Excess | Rate     |                   |
| Number of Claims in Excess of: <b>20</b>        | 41 | 21            | \$ 18.00 | 378.00            |
| Independent Claims in Excess of: <b>3</b>       | 9  | 6             | \$ 80.00 | 480.00            |
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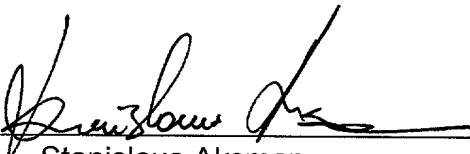
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